

# **NPDES Stormwater**

## **Technical Advisory Committee**

### **REPORT OF MEETING**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2004**

**10:00 A. M.**

**CITY OF BURLINGAME**

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#### **1. INTRODUCTIONS AND REVISION TO AGENDA**

Self-Introductions were made and no revisions were made to the Agenda.

#### **2. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Bob reported that the Permit Amendments were approved by the RWQCB on July 21<sup>st</sup>. The RWQCB made two amendments to our current permit to reconcile the issues in the recent Court Order. The first (Amendment #2) will remove all issues that were submitted by STOPPP to the RWQCB for the Executive Officer's approval and the second (Amendment #3) will reinstate those appropriate issues, plus additional submittals to detail our Monitoring Program for the full Regional Board of Directors approval. STOPPP did not oppose the amendments, as long as the tables attached to the amendments were the ones we agreed upon. They were the same.
- B. Bob reported on an e-mail received from the RWQCB stating that certain NOIs had submitted reports to the RWQCB showing elevated levels of discharges. The e-mail stated that the cities involved should make arrangements with the RWQCB staff to inspect these sites. This caused major confusion amongst the cities, prompting phone calls to the RWQCB staff which resulted in severely delayed responses and, in some cases, no return phone calls. Bob asked Habte to discuss the e-mail and provide an explanation of the issues. Habte stated that cities should inspect these sites for potential illicit discharges, but they have no responsibility to enforce a violation found. He stated that the NPDES Permit requires cities to inspect these businesses. Many cities objected to the requirement to inspect a business that had an NOI permit directly from the Board and the cities never receive the results of the NOI reports to the Board. Some of the "businesses" listed are State and Federal agencies and the cities have no authority unless an illicit discharge occurs into the city's Stormdrain system. A lively discussion followed which was concluded with agreement that this issue would be discussed further at the next CI/I Sub-Committee meeting.
- C. Fred and Bob reported on the Mercury TMDL process and the negotiations going on between the Water Board and BASMAA. BASMAA has submitted a "Comments Letter" to the Board and discussions are on going. Fred mentioned that the Regional Air Quality Control Board had received an application for two crematoriums in Hayward, which would emit an estimated 5 pounds of mercury into the air annually. This is half the amount the San Mateo is required to eliminate from the discharge over the next ten years. He suggested that the RWQCB send a letter to the Air Board objecting to the discharge.
- D. Fred reviewed the Draft Annual Report. He reported that there are some gaps, but every city submitted their deliverables. The Final Annual Report is due at the RWQCB on September 1, 2004.
- E. Bob asked Habte to give us an update on the governor's proposal for State reorganization, which would eliminate all the State's RWQCBs. Habte had no new information.
- F. Habte reported that numerical limits are expected on the monitoring of all treatment systems, but not on discharges.

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## **2. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION/PARTICIPATION – BARBARA EBEL**

Barbara reported that PI/P did not meet in August because of the Fair.

### **COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL AND ILLICIT DISCHARGE – CYNTHIA ROYER**

Cynthia reported that CI/I did not meet.

### **NEW DEVELOPMENT – RAY HONAN**

Ray reported that the New Development Subcommittee did not meet, but he was pleased to announce that Matt Fabry, Brisbane, will become the new Chair for New Development in October.

### **MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES – STEVE TYLER**

Steve reported that the Municipal Government Maint. Committee did meet in July to discuss the potential of joint purchasing of storm drain inlet stencils. Cities were to submit their requests to Steve. The group discussed the possibility of producing either a “concrete clean up” brochure, or a “gardeners” brochure to provide BMPs in these areas. They also discussed how cities reported on trash control, since there appeared to be some discrepancies on the deliverables.

### **WATERSHED AND MONITORING – KEN ROBINSON**

Ken reported that WAM did not meet.

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- John Michels, CalTrans, offered some “Don’t Trash California” stickers to those that wanted them.
- Bob mentioned the upcoming Construction Site Workshop scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup> in Brisbane and the NPDES Fees calculations for 2004/2005. There were handouts of each.
- Bob referred to a handout of an August 5<sup>th</sup> letter from the RWQCB, Re.: Use of Storm Drain Inlet Filters and Oil/Water Separators to Meet the Requirements of NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permits.
- Richard Napier reported that AB1546 passed both Houses of the Legislature and will be forwarded to the Governor for his signature. It is unknown concerning his support of this Bill. Richard asked that cities request business write letters of support by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Fred mentioned that the Mosquito Abatement District requests that cities pay particular attention to maintenance of standing water in light of the recent increase in West Nile virus activities.

## **6. ADJOURNED**